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**SERIAL NO:** 10/720,317  
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**FOR:** Shoe or Sandal Having  
Rotatable and Reversible Vamp, or  
Loop Strap

**GAU:** 3728  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

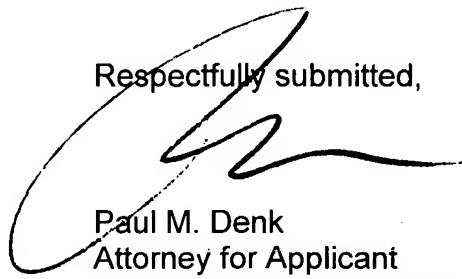
This is in response to the request for restriction dated April 8, 2005.

Initially, Applicant elects to prosecute the embodiments of the invention where the vamp or band portion inserts through a slot formed in the sole of a shoe, as can be seen in FIGS. 1-1B.

On the other hand, the Applicant traverses this restriction requirement, because the same type of embodiment is shown in FIGS. 2A and 2B, the same band or vamp, albeit not necessarily continuous, extends down through the sole of the shoe. The same is also shown in FIGS. 3A and 3B. Hence, the election made herein is done with traverse, because the principle of the invention, as shown in many of the figures, and as set forth in the elected species, simply

shows a type of structure that does insert through the sole, and which can be shifted, or rotated, in order to vary the design, coloration, or indicia for the shoe vamp or strap.

Respectfully submitted,



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